

Department of Social and Health Services

DP Code/Title: M2-EA Forecast Cost/Utilization

Program Level - 050 Long Term Care Services

Budget Period: 2003-05 Version: E2 050 2003-05 2004 Sup-Agency Req

Recommendation Summary Text:

This item reflects the costs and savings associated with cost and utilization changes in the October 2003 Forecast from the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) Office of Forecast and Policy Analysis (OFPA). This forecast is based on the Caseload Forecast Council October 2003 Forecast. Statewide result number 5.

Fiscal Detail:

Operating Expenditures

	<u>FY 1</u>	<u>FY 2</u>	<u>Total</u>
Overall Funding			
001-1 General Fund - Basic Account-State	(114,000)	(4,733,000)	(4,847,000)
001-C General Fund - Basic Account-DSHS Medicaid Federa	(2,163,000)	(6,586,000)	(8,749,000)
Total Cost	(2,277,000)	(11,319,000)	(13,596,000)

Staffing

Package Description:

This decision package reflects the costs and savings associated with changes in forecasted service costs and utilization. OFPA develops revised per capita cost estimates for Home and Community Based services and expenditure estimates for such things as Nursing Facility Discharge Payments and Estate Recoveries. These anticipated preliminary cost changes are reflected in the decision package.

These cost estimates include allowances for in-home worker wage increases and known rate changes for Nursing Homes and community residential programs. Required program changes such as a revision to the bed retainer policy, and the per capita impacts of the limitation on the Community Options Program Entry Services (COPES) waiver enrollment, the change in Medicaid Personal Care level of care standards, and the change in spousal asset limits are also reflected. Changes in utilization and client mix are also captured through changes in trends.

Narrative Justification and Impact Statement

How contributes to strategic plan:

Funding the cost of providing current services through recognition of utilization and cost changes supports the administration's goals to "Provide Public Value" by strengthening Long-Term Care (LTC) Information and Assistance efforts; "Address Client and Family Needs" by facilitating upgrade to community-residential care models to enhance quality and accountability; and "Strengthening the Home Care Program," including strategies to improve the LTC home care work force. Recognition of caseload and associated cost changes also reflects the administration's goal of "Budget Performance and Economic Value" by managing access to Medicaid long-term care benefits and reducing unnecessary nursing facility capacity and Medicaid nursing facility caseload.

Recognition of the costs of caseload changes reflects the agency balanced scorecard goals of insuring a safety net is in place for people of need, clients maintain maximum independence, services are of high quality, people participate in choices about their services, and clients experience stability.

The Governor's goals to achieve high performance government, improve quality and customer service, and to increase the safety and security of Washington State residents are also supported.

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Performance Measure Detail

Program: 050

Goal: 01E Ensure access to an array of optional long-term care services

Incremental Changes
FY 1 FY 2

No measures submitted for package

Reason for change:

The expenditures presented in this decision package reflect the most current forecasts of per capita and expenditures for Long-Term Care (LTC) programs.

Impact on clients and services:

This step reflects the costs associated with providing services to clients eligible, under current law, for LTC programs.

Impact on other state programs:

None

Relationship to capital budget:

None

Required changes to existing RCW, WAC, contract, or plan:

None

Alternatives explored by agency:

Alternatives have been explored in the past with the caseload driven forecast determined as the most appropriate alternative to provide the balance of service and funding requirements.

Budget impacts in future biennia:

Cost and utilization trends, as well as anticipated changes to the current program, can be anticipated to continue into future biennia.

Distinction between one-time and ongoing costs:

Cost and utilization changes are ongoing.

Effects of non-funding:

Not applicable. This request is for a reduction in funding.

Expenditure Calculations and Assumptions:

See attachment - LTC M2-EA Forecast Cost-Utilization.xls

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<u>Object Detail</u>	<u>FY 1</u>	<u>FY 2</u>	<u>Total</u>
Overall Funding			
N Grants, Benefits & Client Services	(2,277,000)	(11,319,000)	(13,596,000)

DSHS Source Code Detail

Overall Funding		<u>FY 1</u>	<u>FY 2</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fund 001-1, General Fund - Basic Account-State				
<u>Sources</u>	<u>Title</u>			
0011	General Fund State	(114,000)	(4,733,000)	(4,847,000)
<i>Total for Fund 001-1</i>		(114,000)	(4,733,000)	(4,847,000)
Fund 001-C, General Fund - Basic Account-DSHS Medicaid Federa				
<u>Sources</u>	<u>Title</u>			
19TA	Title XIX Assistance (FMAP)	(2,163,000)	(6,586,000)	(8,749,000)
<i>Total for Fund 001-C</i>		(2,163,000)	(6,586,000)	(8,749,000)
Total Overall Funding		(2,277,000)	(11,319,000)	(13,596,000)